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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). The Mission's assets, with a total inventory value of $61,909,000, were disposed of as at 31 December 2007. The disposition of the assets for the period ending 31 December 2007 has been undertaken in accordance with United Nations financial regulation 5.14.

Summary of the disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 31 December 2007

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Percentage*
Group I: transferred to other missions or for temporary storage at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy	37 722.7	60.9
Group II: disposed of in the Mission area		
Sold	12 688.5	20.5
Donated to the Government of Sierra Leone	8 333.6	13.5
Group III: written off/lost	3 164.2	5.1
Total	**61 909.0**	**100.0**

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, as set out in paragraph 11 below, is to take note of the present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNAMSIL.

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I. Introduction

1. The mandate of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 1270 (1999) and was adjusted and extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the last of which was resolution 1610 (2005), by which it extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months, until 31 December 2005.

2. While the majority of the liquidation activity occurred during the 2005/06 financial period, the final disposition of the assets of UNAMSIL was still ongoing in 2007. A progress report dated 22 March 2007 (A/61/819) was therefore submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, covering the disposition of the assets of the Mission for the period ended 30 June 2006, with a total inventory value of $61,622,700. On the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report of 17 April 2007 (A/61/852/Add.5), the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/288, took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of the assets.

3. The present report provides the details of the final disposition of the assets of UNAMSIL as at 31 December 2007, which has been undertaken in accordance with United Nations financial regulation 5.14.

4. Upon completion of the mandate of UNAMSIL on 31 December 2005 and, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1620 (2005), the establishment of a follow-on special political mission — the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone (UNIOSIL) — since 1 January 2006, UNAMSIL assets with a total inventory value of $21,447,700 have been transferred to UNIOSIL, with action on their disposition, including any further donation to the Government of Sierra Leone, to be taken upon completion of the mandate of UNIOSIL.

II. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

5. The process of liquidating the assets of UNAMSIL was guided by the following principles and policies contained in United Nations financial regulation 5.14:

(a) Equipment in good condition that conforms to established standardization or is considered compatible with existing equipment will be redeployed to other peacekeeping operations or will be placed in reserve to form start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations may be redeployed to other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions, provided that there is a demonstrated need for the equipment;

(c) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations or other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions but that may be useful for the operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will be sold to such agencies or organizations;

(d) Any equipment or property not required, or that it is not feasible to dispose of in accordance with subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) above, or that is in poor condition, will be subject to commercial disposal in accordance with the procedures applicable to other United Nations equipment or property;

(e) Any assets that have been installed in a country and the dismantlement of which would set back the rehabilitation of that country shall be provided to the duly recognized Government of that country in return for compensation in a form to be agreed by the Organization and the Government. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. Where such assets cannot be disposed of in this manner or otherwise, they will be contributed free of charge to the Government of the country concerned. Such contributions require the prior approval of the General Assembly.

6. The assets of UNAMSIL, with a total inventory value, as at 31 December 2007, of $61,909,000 have been grouped into 17 categories: accommodation equipment, air traffic-control equipment, communications equipment, data-processing equipment, generators, marine equipment, medical equipment, mine-clearing equipment, miscellaneous equipment, observation equipment, office equipment, petrol tank plus metering equipment, prefabricated buildings, refrigeration equipment, vehicular equipment, water and septic tanks, and water purification equipment.

7. In accordance with the principles and policies recalled in paragraph 5 above, the assets of UNAMSIL have been placed into three groups (see table 1).

Table 1
Summary of the final disposition of assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Percentage*
Group I: transferred to other missions or for temporary storage at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy	37 722.7	60.9
Group II: disposed of in the Mission area		
Sold	12 688.5	20.5
Donated to the Government of Sierra Leone	8 333.6	13.5
Group III: written off/lost		
Written off	2 643.8	4.3
Lost	520.4	0.8
Total	**61 909.0**	**100**

8. Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of peacekeeping operations or United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions. The items in this group, with an inventory value of $37,722,700 (60.9 per cent of total asset value), have been transferred to UNIOSIL or other United Nations missions, or to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage pending future use.

9. Group II includes assets disposed of locally with an inventory value of $21,022,100, representing 34.0 per cent of the total inventory value. It consists of assets donated to the Government of Sierra Leone with an inventory value of $8,333,600 and a corresponding residual value of $3,035,800. Assets with an inventory value of $12,688,500 and a corresponding residual value of $4,559,600 were sold to United Nations agencies, international organizations and NGOs, as well as to private companies and individuals on the basis of competitive bidding. The amount of $2,334,800, representing the proceeds of the sale, was credited as miscellaneous income to the UNAMSIL special account (see table 2).

Table 2
Sale of assets of the United Nation Mission in Sierra Leone
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Sold to	*Inventory value*	*Residual value*	*Sale value*
Private companies and individuals	10 565.8	3 815.5	1 590.7
United Nations agencies	1 150.7	319.4	319.4
International organizations	965.5	421.5	421.5
NGOs	6.5	3.2	3.2
Total	**12 688.5**	**4 559.6**	**2 334.8**

10. The inventory value of assets in group III totals $3,164,200, representing 5.1 per cent of the total asset inventory value and a corresponding residual value of $1,273,200. These assets have been written off mainly as a result of accidents, damage caused by the elements, obsolescence, normal wear and tear, uneconomical prospects for repair and loss (see table 3).

Table 3
Written-off United Nations property reported by the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Residual value*
Accident, damage and faulty equipment	182.2	76.8
Lost or stolen equipment	520.4	197.6
Normal wear and tear and regular life-cycle activity	1 747.2	717.5
Obsolescence	168.1	57.5
Uneconomical to repair	391.9	160.2
Other[a]	154.4	63.6
Total	**3 164.2**	**1 273.2**

[a] Transferred to other United Nations missions, but the receiving missions could not confirm receipt.

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly

11. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly is to take note of the present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNAMSIL.**